

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to a jig plate for supporting an optical connector plug, provided to and end face polishing machine, for holding an optical connector plug having the jig plate, and to an end face polishing method using the same end face polishing machine.

Heading at line 5 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 10 has been amended as follows:

As Fig. 1 shows, the center of a first rotation-transmission board 12 is secured to the rotation shaft of a rotary motor 11. A plurality of first connecting pins 13 ~~is~~ are fixed on the along a concentric circle with the rotation center as the fulcrum of the first rotation-transmission board 12. The first connecting pins 13 are rotatably connected to the respective eccentric portions of a second rotation-transmission board 14, to which second connecting pins 15 are fixed. Each second connecting pin 15 is rotatably connected to a third ~~second~~ rotation-transmission board 16.

Paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 11 has been amended as follows:

The upper end of the rotary shaft 23 is connected to a polishing plate or platen 25 via a joint 24. The platen 25 has the upper surface inclined toward the center in a cone shape and rotates clockwise and fluctuates in this embodiment.

Paragraph beginning at line 20 of page 15 has been amended as follows:

The plug showing 140 has a connecting member or latch 45 on the outer periphery. The latch 145 is integrated with the plug housing 140 and is plastically transformable because one end is free.

Paragraph beginning at line 20 of page 19 has been amended as follows:

~~The~~ Each of the holding member members 60 ~~have~~ has the same shape as that of the corresponding holding part 51 and is detachably retained by the holding part 51. It is sufficient to retain the ~~held~~ holding member 60 to the jig plate body 50 so as not to become disengaged in the direction of the thickness of the jig plate body 50 and not to rotate around the axis of the optical fiber 1 with respect to the jig plate body 50 and so the way of fixing is not particularly

limited; for example, the holding member 60 and the jig plate body 50 may be fixed to each other with a screw (not shown).

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 30 has been amended as follows:

The optical connector plug 100A has the plug housing 140A that has a rectangular cross section, which allows the plug housing 140A to be positioned in the rotating direction around the axis of the optical fiber 1 owing to the shape of the outer periphery when the optical connector plug 100A is connected to an optical connector adapter (not shown). The plug housing 140A can be connected to the optical connector adapter by 180-degree turn because of the rectangular cross section. Therefore, a connecting member or projection 147 provided on the outer periphery of the plug housing 140A is brought into engagement with a groove provided in a device, and thus the optical connector plug 100A is positioned to the device in the direction of rotation around the axis of the optical fiber 1.